country	2003-2004		2004-05	
	Crore Rs.	Mn.Us$	Crore Rs.	Mn.US$
Saudi Arabia	69.94	15.22	88.08	19.60
Singapore	88.07	19.16	77.48	17.24
Others	718.27	156.28	595.38	132.51
TOTAL:	2779.19	604.70	2747.68	611.55

P: (Provisional figure subject to change after final data received from DGCI&S, Kolkata)

Poor performance of C.C.I.C.I

2501. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the specific reasons for the poor performance particularly in the field of exports of Central Cottage Industries Corporation of India Ltd. New Delhi during the years 2001-02 and 2003-04;

(b) the steps proposed to be taken to improve the working of the corporation; and

(c) whether any higher targets of production and exports have been fixed for the years 2005-06 and 2006-07, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA): (a) The Central Cottage Industries Corporation of India Ltd. (CCIC), New Delhi is mainly engaged in the retail marketing of handloom and handicraft items within the country. The foreign exchange earning of CCIC though sales to foreign tourists against foreign currencies was Rs. 3.99 crore in 2001-02 and Rs. 3.38 crore in 2003-04;

(b) The following steps have been taken to improve the working of the corporation:

(i) strengthening the operations of emporia,
(ii) improvement in merchandise,
(iii) cost control,
(iv) setting up of showrooms on franchise basis, and
(v) booking of bulk/institutional orders.

(c) The CCIC is not involved in production of handicrafts/ handlooms. It is a retail trading organization and purchases handicrafts/ handlooms goods from artisans/ craftsmen. For 2005-06 turnover target of Rs. 68.50 crores has been fixed, which is an increase of 11% (approx)

over the turnover of 2004-05 Similarly, a target of Rs. 75.00 crores has been projected for 2006-07. The foreign exchange earning during 2005-06 and 2006-07 is projected to be Rs. 3.60 crore and Rs.3.96 crore, respectively.

Financial problems of textile weaving parks

2502. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that textiles weaving parks are facing financial drought in bringing seed capital;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and;

(c) the steps taken to provide assistance to the weavers?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA): (a) to (c): Government has sanctioned five Hi-Tech Weaving Parks at Tamil Nadu, Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh. The executing Agencies of two Parks at Palladam and Hyderabad have requested Government to sanction the seed capital under TCIDS (Textile Cluster Infrastructure Development Scheme). As there is no provision for providing bridge loan/ seed capital under the scheme as per the prevailing guidelines, the matter has been taken up with Infrastructure Leasing and Financial Services (IL&FS) for providing a bridge loan. IL&FS has agreed for this and is entering in to a memorandum of understanding with the two agencies to provide Bridge loan for start of the Project.

Repealing the textile committee cess

2503. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken a decision to repeal the outdated textile committee cess;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, by when this cess is likely to be abolished?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA): (a) and (b) The Government is considering a proposal to abolish Cess on textile and textile machinery by deletion of Section 5 (a) to 5 (f) of the Textiles Committee Act, 1963.

(c) Does not arise.